BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER
ESTABLISHING 80-ACRE DRILLING
AND SPACING UNITS FOR THE
RIVER FORMATION UNDER LANDS
IN THE BRENNAN BOTTOM AREA,
UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

ORDER

Cause No. 191-1

This cause was heard before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining pursuant to due and proper application and notice at the Board's regular meeting on February 26, 1981, in the conference room of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 1596 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board Members (constituting a quorum of the Board) were present and participated in the hearing:

Maxilian A. Farbman, Presiding

Charles R. Henderson

Edward T. Beck

John L. Bell

E. Steele McIntyre

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Also present and participating in the hearing were:

Cleon B. Feight, Director

Michael Minder, Engineer

Correspondence from Gulf Oil Exploration and Production

Company concurring in the spacing application was read into
the proceedings of the hearing.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented by the applicant, and advice from the Division staff, the Board makes and enters the following Findings of Fact and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Due and proper notice was given to all interested parties, and the Board has jurisdiction to hear this matter and enter the Order set forth herein.
- 2. The N½ of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, is underlain by the Tertiary Green River Formation, which comprises a reservoir containing oil and associated gas which can be efficiently produced from wells which will effectively drain 80 acres.
- 3. In view of the geologic information available from several wells in the nearby Brennan Bottom Federal Unit, and in recognition of the exploratory nature of intended drilling by the applicant in the N½ of Section 15, it is appropriate to limit this spacing order to the N½ of said Section 15 for the present time.

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board hereby makes the following

ORDER

1. That drilling and spacing units for development of the N½ of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, shall be comprised of 80 acres each, and that the drilling and spacing units shall consist of the N½ and S½ of each quarter section. The permitted well location for each drilling and spacing unit shall be the center of the SE½NE¼ for the S½NE¼, the SE½NW¼ for the S½NW¼, the NW½NE¼ for the N½NE¼, and the NW¼NW¼ for the N½NW¼, provided, however, that the permitted well may be located anywhere within said quarter-quarter section for topographic or environmental reasons, so long as the completion zone is not closer than 500 feet from the boundaries of said quarter-quarter section.

- 2. This drilling and spacing order shall pertain only to oil and/or gas produced from the Tertiary Green River Formation.
- 3. That the Board retains continuing jurisdiction over all matters covered by this Order and over all parties affected thereby, and the Board may permit exception locations or variances by administrative action before the Director without the necessity of a further hearing before the Board.

Entered this 26th day of February, 1981.

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